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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Cumberland Municipal, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Electric Rates

1490-ER-101

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS, AND TELEPHONIC HEARING

Telephonic Hearing Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2002 – 1:00 p.m.

Hearing Locations: Tomorrow River Conference Room – 1st Floor, Public

Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

Conference Room, Cumberland Utility Building,

1265 Second Avenue, Cumberland, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application dated July 1, 2002, of the city of Cumberland, Barron County, as an electric public utility, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, for authority to increase electric rates a total of 15.7 percent. Increases will vary with individual customer use of electricity.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission will hold a hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the Cumberland Utility Building, 1265 Second Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (715) 822-2595 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Tomorrow River Conference Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

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Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator James Petersen at (608) 267-2190.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,	
By the Commission:	
Lynda L. Dorr Secretary to the Commission	

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